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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of Akihiko SHIHO, Toshio KUMAGAI, Atsushi KOBYASHI,

Masanori TAKEMURA and Hitoshi MATSUMOTO

LIQUID SUPPLYING MEMBER, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND LIQUID EJECTION APPARATUS INCORPORATING THE

SAME

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION

Our Ref: Q81298

Continuation-In-Part of Application No.: 10/374,526

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/374,526 (Confirmation No. 4524) filed February 27, 2003 of Akihiko SHIHO, Toshio KUMAGAI, Atsushi KOBYASHI, Masanori TAKEMURA and Hitoshi MATSUMOTO entitled LIQUID SUPPLYING TUBE IN USE FOR LIQUID JET DEVICE AND LIQUID JET DEVICE PROVIDED WITH THE SAME.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification of 38 pages, (including the claims and abstract), and 18 sheets of drawings.

The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment and PTO 1595 form and the original Priority document 2003-120528, will be submitted at a later date.

The specification recites the following:

-- This is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 10/374,526 filed February 27, 2003;

the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims
$$38 - 20 = 18 \times $18.00 = $324.00$$

Independent claims $4 - 3 = 1 \times $86.00 = 770.00

TOTAL FEE \$1180.00

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Please charge the statutory filing fee of \$1180.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country	Application No	Filing Date
Japan	P2002-053905	February 28, 2002
Japan	P2003-026154	February 3, 2003
Japan	P2003-120528	April 24, 2003

Priority document numbers P2002-053905 and P2003-026154 were previously filed in parent Application No. 10/374,526. The Priority document number P2003-120528 will be submitted at a later date.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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